

Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/6/2023

Time: 07:06pm

Attending: Fire Chief Sean Brewer, Capt. Chad Guyette, Lt. Gene Rosa, Capt. Samantha Brewer, Dan Reed, Police Chief Kevin Fay, John Luke, Matthew Elkan, Tom Willey, Jacqui Fay, David Richards, Lt. Lindsey Guyette

Absent: Chris Lyons (arrived late)

Reviewed meeting minutes from last meeting on 12/2/2022.

Chad introduced himself, went over how long we have been working on the project, went over some of the major issues for the fire & police station

Chad talked about the need for more committee members to join & gave an overview of what has been accomplished already.

Went over Chris's update, Jacqui has a couple of names to add to our list

Sean has contacted Morten Buildings & is waiting for an email from them.

Discussed the town account having \$13,000, need to have an idea of how much we need to present a warrant article for this town meeting, needs to be before Feb. 7th at the latest.

Jacqui discussed asking Doug Stewart for his assistance. His company is SISR Architecture. Jacqui will try to get in touch with him.

Dave Richards (Lempster) talked about Capital Improvement Program, Jacqui stated we do not have that in Marlow.

Dave Richards gave an overview on how things went with the Lempster Station, what went right & what went wrong, 60x80 building 1 ½ stories, no room to expand without adding on, approximately just under 1 million, stick frame in 2012, did all the interior painting & some other small projects themselves to keep the cost down.

Potential grant for exhaust system & stand by generator

Matt gave update on calling Annie Kuster's office about the house bill he found that was not passed, Kuster's office offered to do research to see what they could find for grants, agreed to write a letter on our behalf to go along with the grant application.

Need to remember to this is a 100 year plan.

Jacqui brought up talking to the Trustees about what it would take if someone were to bequeath us with money for a new station.

Could use the building as the back up EOC & that might be able to get us some grant money.

Discussed seismic reinforcement being required.

At 7:50pm Sam, Lindsey & Gene had to leave to go on an ambulance call.

At 7:54pm Chris Lyons arrived.

Chris gave an update on his contact with Mike Petrovich, will reach out to him again to see if he can meet with the committee Jan. 26th at 7pm.

Chris also attempted to contact SVE but only got a directory & wasn't able to speak with anyone.

Dan asked when we need to know how much we are going to need for the warrant article. Jacqui stated 2/4 would be good but by 2/7 at the latest. Doesn't need to be a hard number but should include enough to cover all the costs. It's ok for costs to come in under the amount but can't go over.

Tom stated that we need to advertise the meeting with Mike Petrovich once we have it set up.

Matt volunteered to become a committee member & asked what needs to be done, what can he help with? Chad answered with talking to the community, attending the committee meetings, getting information out to the community, seeking input from community, helping with leg work (phone calls, research, etc).

Matt volunteered to make various videos. Will start putting together ideas & interview questions, also talked about community members testimonials.

Matt asked what are the alternatives if we didn't have fire, EMS & police in town? Chad answered that for fire calls the town would need to pay another town to respond if that town is willing to, long delay for response, higher insurance costs, would need to pay for ambulance service which that alone would cost more than the total fire & EMS budget is now, long response time, no police: we would need to contract (pay) with the Sheriff's Dept to cover Marlow.

Discussion on community outreach projects: transfer station.

Jacqui brought up the idea of a quirky fundraiser, something to catch the attention of the media, maybe seeing if Recycled Percussion would do something with us.

Discussion brought up by Matt & Dan on materials used for the building & whether people could donate some.

Dan mentioned looking for another location than the property the town already owns, in case it will cost too much to build on that site, example: if it cost an extra \$200,000 to build on that site it might be more cost effective to purchase another property. He also asked where would be the ideal spot for a station? Chad answered half way between the Gilsom town line and Marlow Hill Rd, somewhere in the area of the current station & the transfer station.

Dan asked if the police station needs to be included? We have different options in the proposal. The police station is in need of updates & structural repairs, discussed using the current fire station (with updates & repairs) as a police station & building a new fire station versus new public safety building for fire & police together. Dan stated he feels the current fire station isn't suitable for anything, too many issues, should be leveled & turned into parking.

Good amount of rehashing the issues with the current buildings.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting ended 9:19pm

